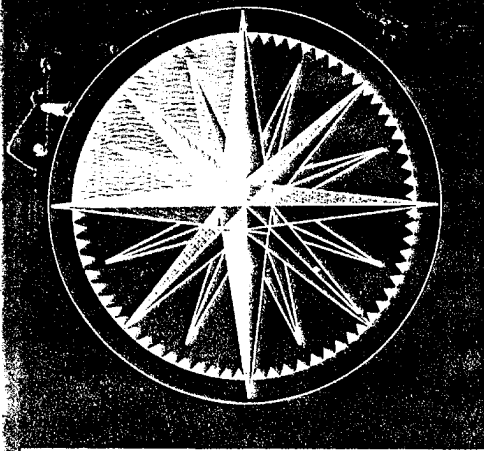


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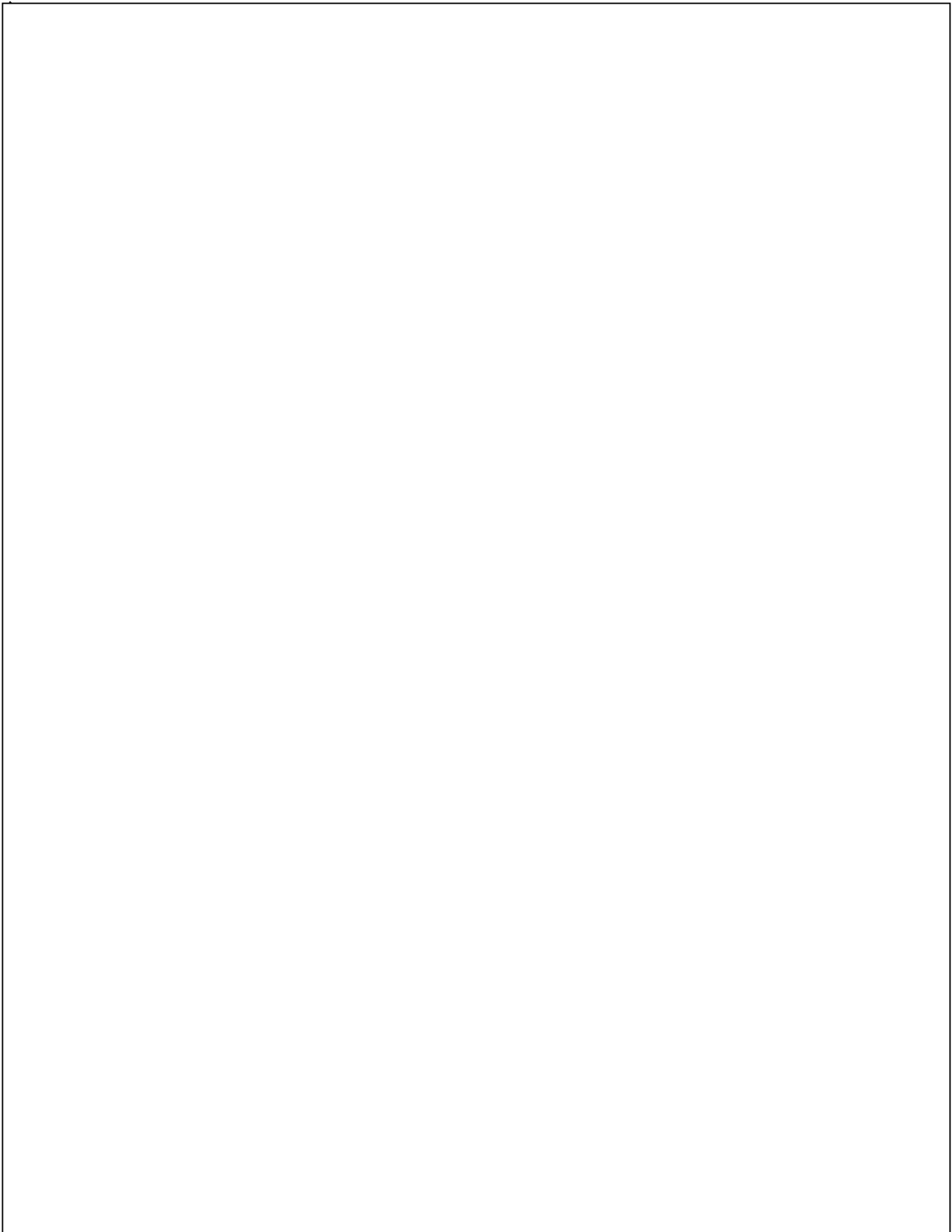
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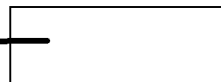


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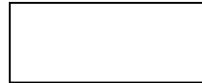
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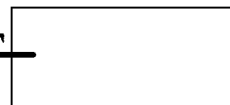


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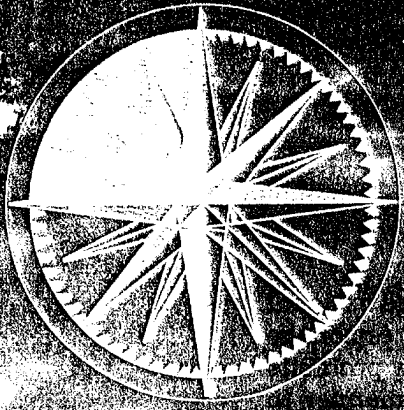
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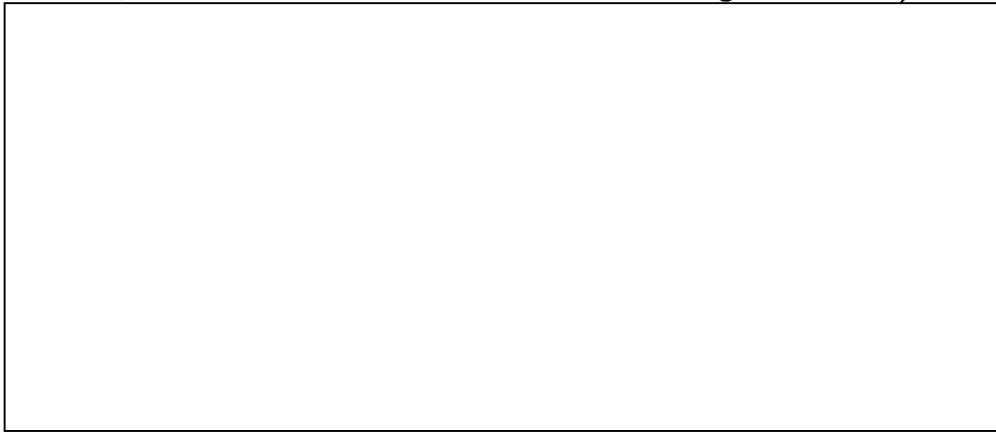
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The T-39 Incident

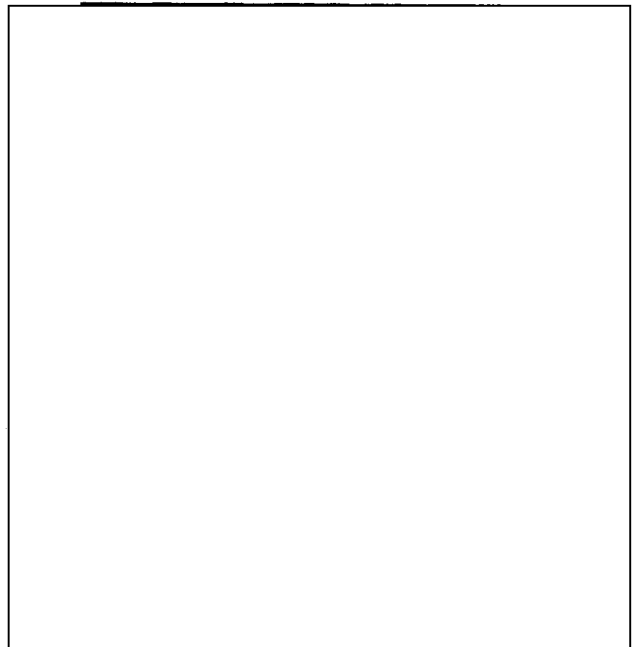
In the shootdown of the T-39 on 28 January 1964, the

[redacted]
[redacted] they probably viewed the situation --a US aircraft was flying at high speed and altitude well inside East Germany--as one leaving them no alternative but to destroy the intruder. They probably reasoned that any move less than this would make them liable to disciplinary action. In any event, there was too little time [redacted] for a query to be passed up to the political level and answered.

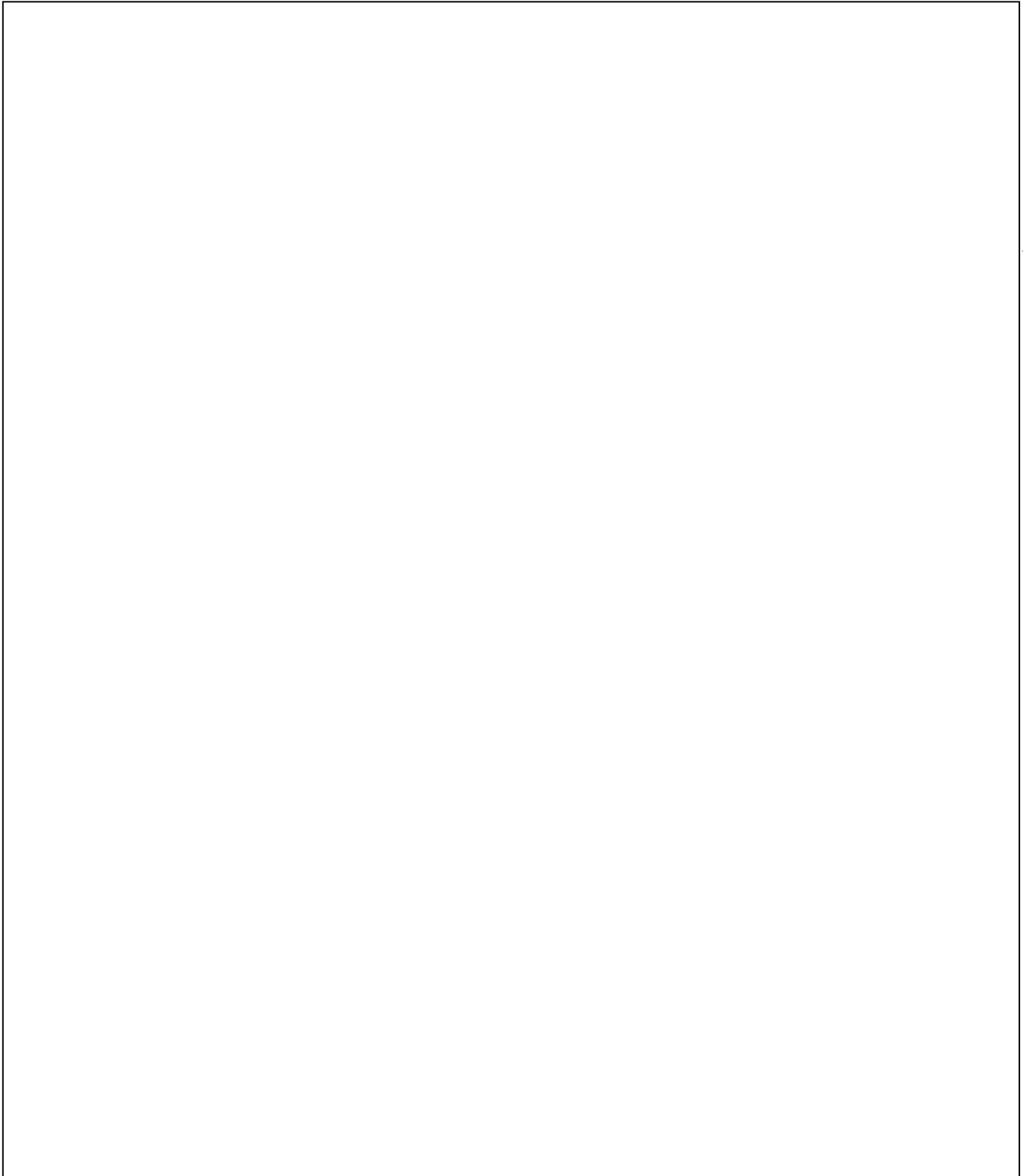
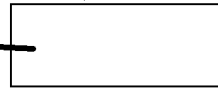
The promptness with which the Soviets released both the wreckage of the aircraft and the bodies of its crew suggests that they were concerned with the effect the incident would have on

their relations with the US. They may even have made some change in standing operating procedures to reduce the likelihood of future incidents, but no evidence of any such change has been detected.

Other Aircraft Incidents

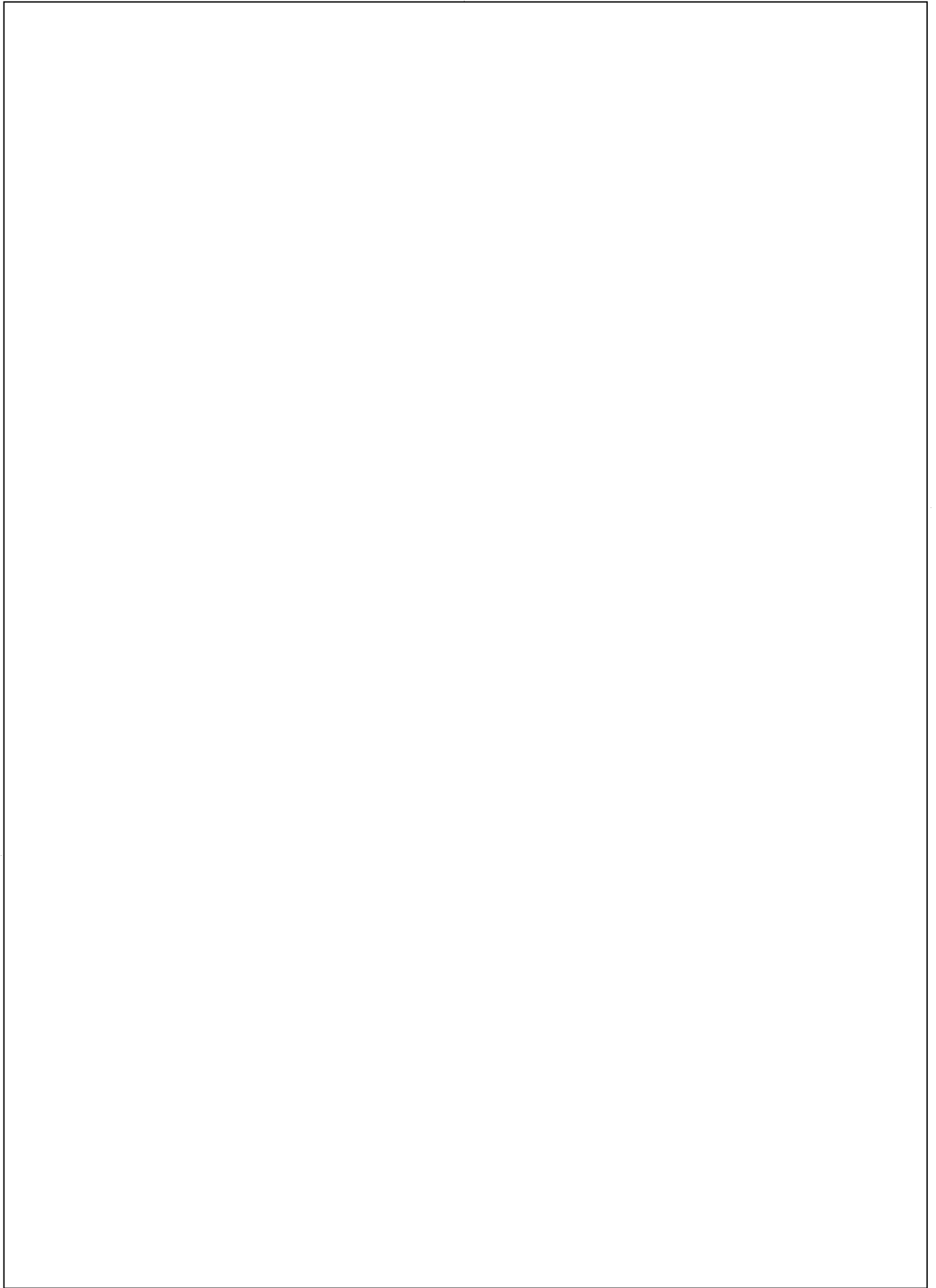


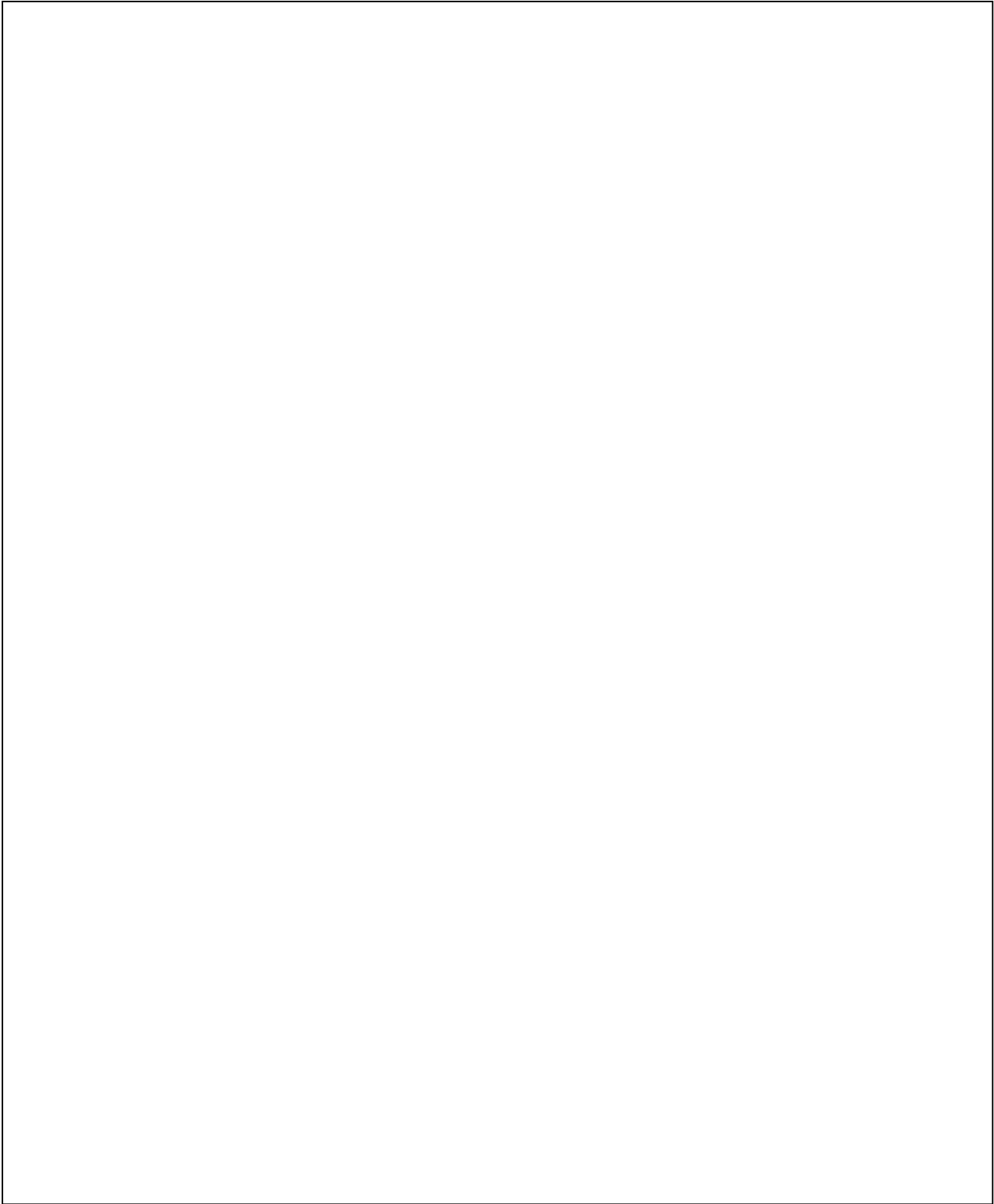
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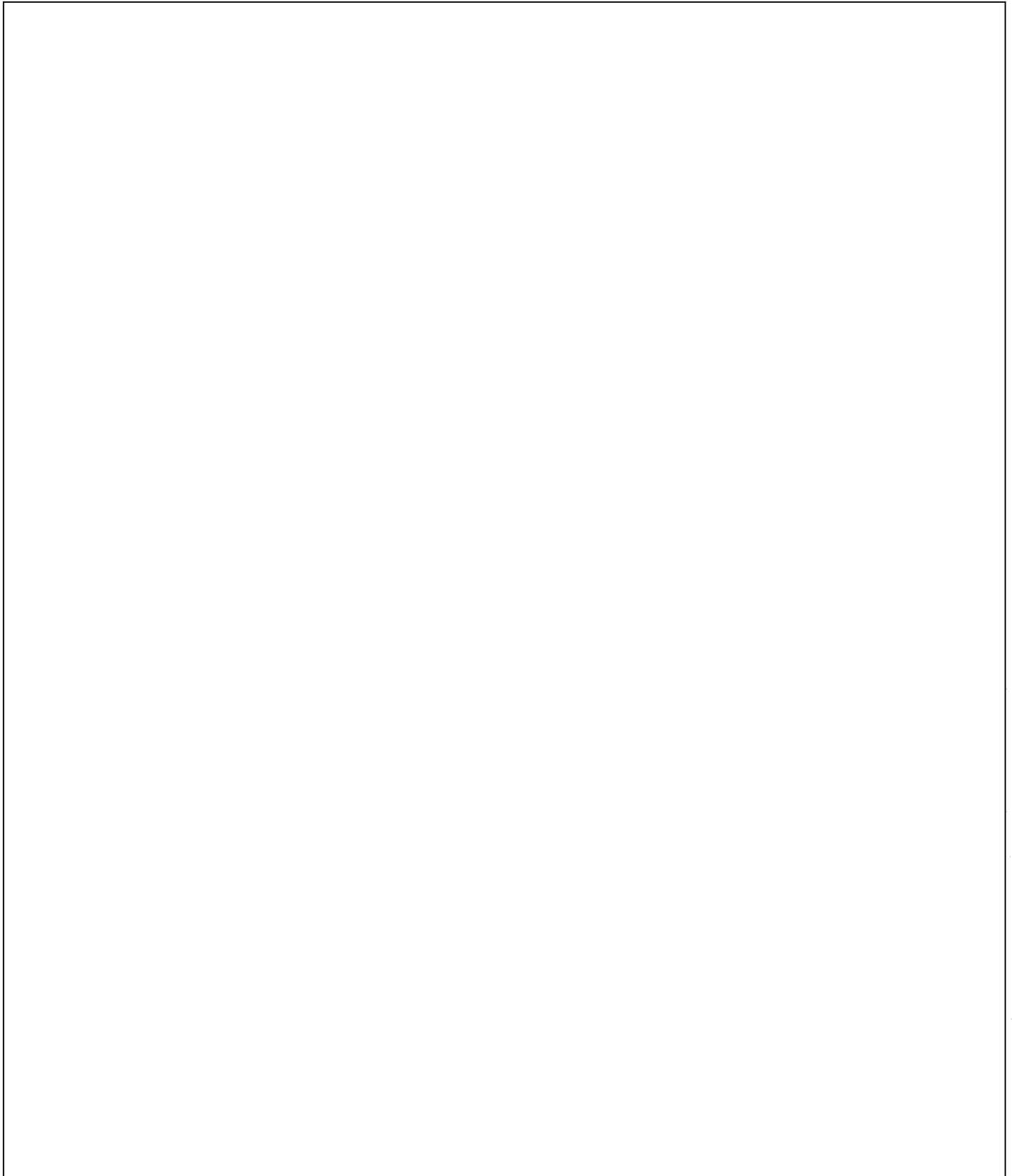
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